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Here is what EPW minority staff came back with.

"The bill requires that the Secretary of the Navy provide a report to Congress outlining a comprehensive strategy to prevent the groundwater contaminants emanating from the Navy property in Bethpage, NY from contaminating additional drinking water wells that have not yet been affected by the miles-long plume. In the report, the Navy shall prioritize remedial measures that would seek to stop the groundwater plume from affecting additional drinking water wells and natural resources in a timely manner. The Committee directs the Navy to include in the report strategies other than wellhead treatment to protect the underground drinking water aquifer that serves approximately 250,000 people of Nassau County, NY. The Secretary shall prepare this report under the authority of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program and the recommendations therein shall not be limited by consideration of inadequate funding availability or economic feasibility.

In the absence of Navy action to prevent contamination of the additional drinking water wells that remain in the plume's path, the New York State legislature passed a law in 2014 requiring the State Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct an evaluation of options for intercepting and remediating the plume. This State report will focus on utilizing hydraulic containment and other remediation practices to remove contamination before wellhead treatment is required, which the law characterizes as a measure of last resort. The Navy should utilize the findings in this evaluation and other local expertise and work cooperatively with the State of the New York and local water districts to inform the report and strategy for remediation required by this subtitle."

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